STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program Application & Itemized Budget

Instructions for Filing a Motion to Apply for a PEGPETIA Grant

Motion Deadline

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) oversees a program to award Public Educational and Governmental Programming Grants (PEG Grants) and Education Technology Investment Grants (ETI Grants) to eligible entities. See General Statutes § 16-331cc. **This PEGPETIA Grant Program Application must be filed as a motion in Docket No. 26-10-02 no later than noon on November 20, 2026.**

Program Funding Eligibility

PEG grant funding is intended to improve public, educational, and governmental access programming in Connecticut, and funds should be used for capital and equipment costs that aid the production or procurement of public, educational, and governmental programs. To ensure the funding is used appropriately, after completion of the project, PEG grant recipients must file a report of the project enabled by the grant funds.

ETI grant funding is intended to support education technology initiatives of boards of education and other education entities (public and private schools are eligible to apply). To ensure the funding is used appropriately, after completion of the project, ETI grant recipients must file a report of the project enabled by the grant funds.

Submission of Motion

Applicants must complete and file the Application with Itemized Budget electronically to PURA as a motion in Docket No. 26-10-02, at https://portal.ct.gov/pura/about/filing-and-forms/make-an-electronic-filing. Applicants who have not previously registered must first register for an account.

Motions must include an Application and Itemized Budget for the projects to be funded by the grant. Quotes, invoices, or similar documentation must be submitted for each item to be purchased with grant funds.

The motion will be assigned a unique motion number after it is filed. The allowable electronic filing size is 20 MB. If the motion's attachments (Application with Itemized Budget plus other attachments) exceed the allowable limit, the motion may include only the completed Application with Itemized Budget, and the remaining attachments must be filed as supplemental filings to the same motion. Subsequent supplements must also be filed as supplemental filings under the assigned motion number.

Questions regarding the electronic filing of the motion and supplements should be directed to Docket Control at PURA.ExecutiveSecretary.gov or (860) 827-2836.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: UPRIGHT MINISTRIES INCORPORATED
2. Mailing Address: 140 Lloyd Street, New Haven, CT 06513
3. Employer Identification Number: 82-3951205
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Dr. Wayne McCrae, President / Executive Director

   Mailing Address: 140 Lloyd Street, New Haven, CT 06513

   Phone Number: 203-654-1056

   Email Address: waynemccrae111@gmail.com
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: _____

   Mailing Address: _____

   Phone Number: _____

   Email Address: _____
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

   Note: The authorized representative will not be on the service list unless also listed as a contact person, above.

   Name: Dr. Wayne McCrae, President / Executive Director

   Mailing Address: 140 Lloyd Street, New Haven, CT 06513

   Phone Number: 203-654-1056

   Email Address: waynemccrae111@gmail.com
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

   ☐ PEG Grant (capital and equipment for producing/procuring programming)

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ 11,736.54

   Note: The "Amount Requested" will autocalculate upon completion of the Itemized Budget, below.

II. Applicant Eligibility

9. Organization Type (check one):

PEG (Programming)

☐ Local community antenna television and video advisory council

☐ State-wide video advisory council

☐ Public, educational and governmental programmer

☐ Public, educational and governmental studio operator

ETI (Educational Technology Initiative)

☐ Board of Education

☐ Public library

☑ Other education entity: Nonprofit community STEM and aviation education program

10. Which of the following describes your organization?

☐ Connecticut State Agency

☐ Municipality

◉ Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Provide Secretary of the State No.: 1261058

☐ Other (e.g., LLC or corporation). Provide Secretary of the State No.: _____

11. For each of the PEGPETIA Grant cycles below, indicate whether your organization received a grant and submitted all required compliance filings:

Docket No.	Grant Received?	Date of Compliance Filing		
		Order No. 2	Order No. 3	Order No. 4
24-10-02	☐ Yes ☐ No			
23-10-02	☐ Yes ☐ No			
22-10-02	☐ Yes ☐ No			
21-10-13	☐ Yes ☐ No			

Note: If you have received a grant in any of the dockets listed above, you must submit any outstanding compliance filings prior to submitting this application.

III. Investment or Initiative Eligibility

12. Provide a description of proposed capital and equipment investment or education technology initiative. State expected enhancements to PEG programming or education technology. If applicable, state why similar equipment is not available from the local community access studio (PEG only).

Project STREAMS (Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Aviation, Mechanics, and Systems) is a supervised 12-week STEM and aviation learning initiative for underserved youth. Eight weeks cover Drone Soccer, drone assembly, robotics fundamentals, basic coding, flight controls, engineering problem-solving, teamwork, maintenance, and safe operation. Four weeks introduce aviation rules, safety and FAA Part 107 readiness. This grant would purchase reusable educational drone kits/controllers, student laptops, flight simulation tools, compatible batteries and chargers, and safe storage/repair supplies. Students would use the technology in guided learning labs and pre/post skills assessments. The project is a proposed, not completed, equipment expansion phase. Activities supported by grant equipment will be educational, nonsectarian and open to participating youth without a religious participation requirement. This smaller phase is self-contained and may be scaled only if it still offers functional equipment-supported instruction.

13. Identify the affected geographical area(s) and/or school system(s) that will benefit from the investment or initiative:

New Haven, Connecticut, and the Greater New Haven area, including prospective youth from East Haven and West Haven. Specific school sites and referral arrangements remain subject to confirmation.

14. State the number of subscribers served or students impacted:

20 students projected for the initial equipment-supported pilot; this is a planning target, not verified current enrollment. Reusable equipment may support subsequent cohorts.

15. List the schedule for implementation, including estimated dates for key milestones and completion.

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

June-July 2027: confirm award conditions, final equipment selection and approved procurement plan.
August-September 2027: order, receive, inventory, configure and safety-test equipment.
October-December 2027: begin supervised Drone Soccer, coding and engineering labs for the initial 20-student pilot.
January-March 2028: continue aviation simulations, safety training and learning assessments.
April-May 2028: reconcile receipts and inventory; document student outcomes and submit the required PURA compliance report.
All work funded by this request is prospective and subject to award timing.

16. Identify objective performance measures that can be used to evaluate the success or effectiveness of the investment or initiative:

Measure enrollment (initial target: 20), attendance and instructional hours; equipment purchases and usage; pre/post STEM, drone-flight and aviation-safety assessments; safety incidents; and student feedback. Planning targets (not achieved results): 85% complete the program, 75% improve STEM competency, 90% report hands-on STEM engagement and 65% show increased interest in STEM/aviation pathways. Retain receipts, inventory, assessments and reporting records.

17. Description of organization, including experience and competence related to the proposed project:

Upright Ministries Incorporated is a Connecticut nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing community outreach, youth mentoring and educational enrichment. Its Project STREAMS model integrates Drone Soccer, hands-on science and engineering, aviation exploration and workforce readiness. Program-development experience includes youth drone/coding exposure associated with Booker T. Washington Academy and a July 2026 drone demonstration at CT State Gateway involving CNY Drones/Bob Payne. Trained personnel will supervise equipment use under documented safety and maintenance procedures. Future instructional staffing, sites and partner roles will be confirmed before implementation.

IV. Budget Information

18. Partner organization(s) or other funding sources (if applicable):

Past program engagement and prospective partners include CT State Gateway, CNY Drones/Bob Payne, Booker T. Washington Academy and Greater New Haven youth-serving organizations. No partner funding commitment, cash match, grant-period participation or donated equipment is represented as confirmed without a supporting agreement. Equipment purchased under other funding sources will not be double-charged to this grant.

19. Have you completed the PEGPETIA Itemized Budget form below (with an itemized budget for the investment or initiative)?

- ☑ Yes.
- ☐ No. Explain:

20. Have you provided supporting documentation for each item, such as copies of bids, estimates, and quotes?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☑ No. Explain: No. Current date-stamped supplier estimates or saved price listings must be obtained for EVERY expense line before filing; the provisional unit prices are planning figures. Verify drone-battery connector, voltage and charger compatibility.

21. Are the non-equipment costs for design and engineering, installation, training, and warranties/insurance less than 10% of the overall grant request?

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment. Other non-equipment expenses (such as salaries, service agreements, or stipends) are <u>not permitted</u> as part of the grant request.

- ☑ Yes.
- ☐ No. Explain:

V. PEG Grant CAP Acknowledgment

22. **For PEG Grant Applicants Only:** The Applicant understands that it must review and comply with the relevant community access provider operating rules and regulations, including the prohibition of the presentation of any advertising material designed to promote the sale of commercial products or services (including advertising by or on behalf of candidates for public office). The Applicant further acknowledges that no organization or company providing community access operations shall exercise editorial control over programming, except as to programming that is obscene and except as otherwise allowed by applicable state and federal law.

☒ Yes.

☐ No.

VI. Signature of Authorized Representative

I, Dr. Wayne McCrae, am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the applicant organization. Under the penalty of law, by signing this application, I affirm that the information provided to the Authority is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any errors of omissions will be timely corrected and resubmitted.

I understand that grant funding may be denied due to failure to provide the information and supporting documentation required by this Application.

Wayne McCrae _____ 11/17/26
(Signature) ***(Date)***

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PEGPETIA ITEMIZED BUDGET

Instructions

Required Information

You must provide this itemized budget for the capital and equipment investment or education technology initiative proposed in your application. For each expense, you must provide the following information:

(1) Name of expense

(2) Total amount of expense (unit cost x quantity)

(3) Brief description

(4) Quantity requested

(5) Unit price

(6) A copy of a bid, estimate, or similar documentation; and

(7) Type of cost (equipment, design, engineering, installation, training, warranty, insurance, other)

For each expense listed, you must attach a copy of the bid, estimate, or similar documentation.

Note: The Authority cannot accept links to online vendors as documentation of expenses. You may, however, attach saved or printed copies of equipment listed for sale with online vendors as documentation.

Types of Costs

Non-equipment costs (such as design, engineering, installation, training, warranties, or insurance) must be reasonable and should be limited to less than 10% of the overall grant. Other non-equipment expenses (such as salaries, service agreements, or stipends) are not permitted as part of the grant request.

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2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: Annual Allocation of Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account

II. Budget Template

Expense	Amount	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid/ Estimate Attached	Type of Cost
(Example) Studio Camera	$ 1,400.00	(Example) Make, Model No. XYZ123, Qty 4, Unit Price $350	4	$350/each	✓	Equipment
(Example) Camera Install	$ 175.00	(Example) Installation of all cameras, connection to existing studio setup, and training personnel	1	$175	✓	Installation
Drone Soccer kits / controllers	4,400.00	Four reusable teaching kits with controllers; specific model, supplier and quote pending	4	1,100.00		Equipment
Student STEM laptops	3,600.00	Four student laptops for coding, FAA study and technology lessons; models pending	4	900.00		Equipment
Flight simulators / controllers	1,400.00	Two flight-training simulator/controller sets; drone suitability to verify	2	700.00		Equipment
1,300 mAh LiPo batteries	1,701.50	50 batteries; voltage/chemistry/XT30 vs XT60 compatibility UNVERIFIED	50	34.03		Equipment
Dual charging units	335.04	Two dual chargers; verify charging of four packs and connector/chemistry match	2	167.52		Equipment
Battery storage / repair tools	300.00	Battery-safe storage and basic drone repair supplies; components pending	1	300.00		Equipment
Total Amount:	11,736.54					

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